

AUG 2024

***The Flat Coated Retriever
Association Of Victoria
Newsletter***

RATG 2024



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Flat Coated Retriever Association of Victoria and the Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria we would like to say a Huge Thank You to the Organisers, Competitors and Spectators, and especially the Judges - Kirsty Blair, Andrew Yeomans and Kate Eltringham for their time and effort at the Connewarre Wetlands Retrieving and Ability Trial for Gundogs (RATG) Competition. Congratulations to the winners and to all competitors.



**Flatcoat News
Highlights**

**RATG 2024
Presidents Report
Championship Shows**

**Welcome to
New Members**

**Megan Kent and
Merlin**

**Simone Wilkie's
Wilgunndi Kennels**

**South Australia
Winter International
Show - Benny Evans**

AI and Flatcoats

The Editor of the FCRAV Newsletter welcomes submissions. Unfortunately, no responsibility is accepted for errors or omissions. The Association accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of statements nor necessarily agree with the opinions expressed by Freelance Contributors.

The Winners of the RATG



The Winners

First Place - 96 points - Frank Mooney and Weimaraner

Bromhund Let's Play Games - Seecar Kennels

Second Place - 95 points - M Strmecki's

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

Ch Novadal Humite Novafusion

Third Place - 90 points - Peter Eley's Flat Coated Retriever

Sherepoint Moonlite in Georgia

Fourth Place - 89 points - J.M. Loughran's

English Springer Spaniel Glaston Park Old Peculiar

Judge - Andrew Yeomans



**The Flat Coat Crew - From Left To Right
Scott Farquhar and Ella, Peter Eley and Georgia
Wayne Parkinson and Sally
Helen Eley and Remi, Simone Wilkie and Nakia
and Alys Mayes and Bloom**

Kate Eltringham - FCRAV Presidents Report Welcome to the August Newsletter for 2024.

On the 2nd of June in conjunction with the Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria the FCRAV ran the RATG (Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs) at the Connewarre Wetland Centre. It was a cold and wet day, but the competitors were keen and judged by yours truly, Andrew Yeomans from Victoria, and Kirsty Blair who travelled from New South Wales to judge for both clubs.

Kirsty has worked and shown both Flatcoats and Labradors and we are extremely grateful that she accepted our invitation to judge at both events.

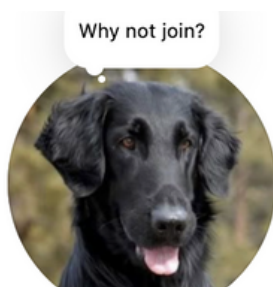
Thank you to the committee members of both clubs for their contributions and to Leanne Tormey (Club Secretary) for once again feeding the masses.

Our next events for the club will be the two Championship shows (a.m. and p.m.) on Sunday 3rd of November at the Bulla Exhibition Centre. Thanks to the perseverance of our Secretary - Leanne Tormey and Committee member Simone Wilkie, we have secured a highly experienced International Judge Gloria Kerr from the USA for the a.m. show and Mrs Erin Charnock from NSW, for the p.m. show. Again an experienced judge who travels throughout Australia and New Zealand

On the November weekend - it is possible to show at 5 Championship Shows over four days at Bulla. The Victorian Gundog Club on Saturday 2nd November, our two Championship Shows on Sunday 3rd November, Victorian Women's Dog Club's Championship Show on Monday 4th November and Sunbury Canine Club's on Tuesday 5th November.

What a marvellous opportunity to show the breed and of course catch up with friends from all states.

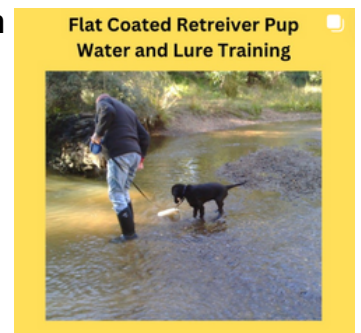
The Instagram page - flatcoatedretrieverassocvic - has continued to grow. Please like and follow these pages to keep up to date with all things Flatcoat as an extra to the Newsletter. Or help Jean our Publicity person by sending photos and anything flatcoat related that you would like to share - to publicity.fcra@gmail.com



flatcoatedretrieverassocvic

48 posts 155 followers

FCRAV



We're a small but busy committee if you feel you would like to be part of the committee please, please send us a message. It's not onerous, we meet over Zoom and it would be lovely to see some new faces.

Kate

BOOK NOW ON DOGZONLINE



Postal Entries close Friday 18th October 2024
Online entries close Friday 25th October 2024

FLAT COATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW (A.M.)
Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane, Bulla
SUNDAY 3 November 2024

Schedule of Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11
1a, 2a, 3a, 4a 5a, 10a. 11a

Postal Entries – Close 18th October 2024
c/- 17 Barwon Street, Clyde North, Victoria,
Cheques made payable to Flatcoated Retriever Association of Victoria Inc.

Online Entries – Close 25th October 2024
with Show Manager

Judge: Mrs Gloria Kerr (U.S.A.)

Catalogue: \$5.00 (one catalogue for both a.m. and p.m. shows)

Entry Fee: \$ 25.00 Members, \$30.00 Non-Members
Baby Puppies \$ 20.00 Members, \$25.00 Non-Members

Judging Time: 9.00 a.m.

Exhibit Numbers: To be collected on the day.

Special Prizes: Trophy and Sash for all In Show awards.

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FLAT COATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW (P.M.)

Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane, Bulla

SUNDAY 3rd November 2024

Schedule of Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11
1a, 2a, 3a, 4a 5a, 10a. 11a

Special Classes: Desexed Sweepstakes, Best Headed, Best Coated, Best Movement, Best Sire & Progeny, Best Dam & Progeny, Veteran (7 and under 10 years) Sweepstakes, Veteran (10) years and over) Sweepstakes

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Entry Fee: \$ 25.00 Members, \$30.00 Non-Members
Baby Puppies & Special Classes \$ 20.00 Members, \$25.00 Non-Members

Judging Time: 1.00 p.m. commencing with Special Classes followed by Breed Classes and General Specials.

Exhibit Numbers: To be collected on the day.

Special Prizes: Trophy and Sash for all In Show awards.

Welcome to new member - Kimmie Brett and her three Flatties - Flyte, Brew and Star



**Flyte -
Australian Champion
Arangold Backup Plan (Imp NZ)
Aus Canine Scentwork Nosework
Flyte found 4 hides across
4 elements searches
in under 45 seconds -
allocated time 11.5 mins.
Flyte has now
achieved her Track and
Search - Excellent.**

**Two stunning Flatcoats
“Flyte”**

**Aus.Ch. Arangold Backup Plan (Imp NZ)
“Brew”**

**Aus.Ch. Malunbea Disorderly Contact
SWE SWV SWI SWX TSDX CCD ET
earned their ACSW Level 1
Exterior Titles with 4/4 correct
searches on the day.**

**Brew is now
a Track and Search Champion.**



“Star”

**At only 8 months old is Australian
Champion Malunbea Playin Not
Misbehavin.**

**Well Done to Kimmie for
her love and dedication to her
beautiful Flatcoats**



**Welcome to New Member
Christie Walter and Terraway Midnight Rambler
aka - the much loved - Bowie.**



**Did you know
that Bowie is also
featured on the FCRAV
Instagram posts in the
“Did You Know?”
segment**



**Welcome to our newest
member - Carmel Clay
and her Flatcoat - Ranni
Thank you for joining our
Flatcoated Retriever
Community**



**Congratulations to
Megan Kent and
Aus Ch. Skyhaven Reign of Chaos (AI)
Awarded Best in Group at
Ipswich Kennel Club Show
28th July 2024
Judge - Vikki Schneider**



**Happy Birthday - Merlin
Aus Ch. Skyhaven Reign of
Chaos (AI)**

**Merlin is only 49pts away from
his supreme title...
it was also his birthday on
Sunday 4th August
Merlin
with his best friends
Megan
and
Kelvin the Golden Retriever**



Simone Wilkie - WILGUNNDI RETRIEVERS

Nakia
Supreme Ch Blacqlabel Stares and
Whisprs(AI)
Best Champion in Show
at the Dogs Victoria Open Show



Nakia's and
Sally's
'Ch Peppatree Mustang Sally'.
Progeny



Presenting - Remi
'Terraway Midnight at
Barmah for Wilgunndi'
Baby In Group at
Maldon Kennel Club



Presenting - Ollie
Terraway Midnight Rendezvous
winner of Baby Puppy in Group
at Eaglehawk Kennel Club Inc
Champ Show
Judge Mr John Bryson (NSW)





**Congratulations
to Benny Evans
and Supreme
Champion
Kellick Criminal
Intent -
Merlin the
Magnificent**

**The prestigious
Dogs South Australia Winter International Show 2024
is one of the few shows where the winning dogs can be further
judged to be awarded a
CICAB -
Certificats d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beaute.
Supreme Champion Kellick Criminal Intent -
Merlin the Magnificent - won
4 Best of Breed. 2nd Best in Group under a Gundog Specialist.
Attained an Excellent in the CICAB.
A20 certificate. 4 x Group Shortlists for Best in Group -
Judged by an International Panel.
Merlin is truly Magnificent thanks to the dedication of his owner
Benny Evans.**

Cassandra and Fletcher



**Thank you to Cassandra
Highfield's husband who
asked A.I.**

What is the nature of a Flat Coated Retriever

This is what AI said -

Affection Level	High - Very loving and enjoys being with in a family group.
Friendliness	High - Sociable and friendly with people and other animals.
Kid-Friendly	High - Generally good with children, but supervision is needed due to exuberance.
Pet-Friendly	High - Gets along well with other pets.
Exercise Needs	High - Requires vigorous daily exercise, including activities like swimming and fetching.
Playfulness	High - Retains a playful, puppy-like demeanor even into adulthood.
Energy Level	High - Very energetic and needs plenty of physical activity.
Trainability	High - Intelligent and eager to please, but can be a bit stubborn.
Intelligence	High - Quick learner and responsive to training.
Tendency to Bark	Medium - May bark to alert but not excessively.
Mouthiness	High - Likes to carry and chew objects, needs appropriate chew toys.
Shedding	Medium - Regular brushing needed to manage shedding.

It seems artificial intelligence can identify the wonderful characteristics of the Flat Coated Retriever that we all enjoy!



Newsletter - New Features

If you would like to advertise upcoming pups
or dog-related items or anything
Flat Coated Retriever related

Please contact publicity.fcra@gmail.com

and thank you to all who have contributed to this month's newsletter.

If you would like to share photos of your Flatcoats
we would love to hear from you.
at-publicity.fcra@gmail.com

Congratulations to Christine Murray on her puppies due on the 28th August. Further Information on Dogzonline



STARFLATZ

Contact : Christine Murray

Location : Perth WA

Apply: [Send Puppy Application](#)

Message: [Send Message](#)

Web : <https://oz.dogs.net.au/starflatz/>

Temperament, Soundness and Performance

I have been actively involved with Flat Coats since 2010 - Obedience, Showing and Retrieving.

All my dogs are hip/elbow scored, eyes (including gonioscopy) & heart cleared before they are bred from.

Here at Starflatz we aim to breed flat coats with great temperaments, who are capable of any tasks, be it showing, obedience, retrieving or just perfect family pets.

Always happy to talk to others about this beautiful Breed.

✓ [Member since October, 2013](#)

✓ [Breeder shows dogs](#)

Next Litter Planned: August, 2024

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Committee Members

President - Kate Eltringham

Vice President - Peter Eley

Secretary - Leanne Tormey

Assist Secretary - Helen Eley

Treasurer - Scott Farquhar

Assist. Treasurer - Sue Farquhar

Retrieving Trials - Noel Eltringham

Publicity/Newsletter - Jean Ross

Website - Deon Barylak

Committee Member - Simone Wilkie

Committee Member - Alys Mayes

Should any of our members like to join the committee we would love to hear from you. Contact publicity.fcra@gmail.com



**Thank you to Helen Eley and our
Webmaster Deon Barylak
for updating the Website
and our appreciation to
Rhonda Williams for her help.
For Members Access go to
www.flatcoated.org.au
and click on the wagging tailed dog -
Password - 24coats**

**Acknowledgement and huge thanks to
Helen Eley for her tireless efforts in helping
potential flatcoat puppy owners to find
breeders and being the first contact for
anything regarding - Flat Coated Retrievers**

